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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

### MOMENT OF SILENCE IN REMEMBRANCE OF MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES AND THEIR FAMILIES

The SPEAKER. The Chair asks that the House now observe a moment of silence in honor of those who have been killed or wounded in service to our country and all those who serve and their families.

### MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 8, 2018, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties. All time shall be equally allocated between the parties, and in no event shall debate continue beyond 9:50 a.m. Each Member, other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip, shall be limited to 5 minutes.

### RECOGNIZING DR. JOSEPH UNDERWOOD AS A FINALIST FOR THE VARKEY FOUNDATION'S 2018 GLOBAL TEACHER PRIZE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) for 5 minutes.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize and congratulate Dr. Joseph Underwood, the head of the television production program at Miami Senior High School, located in my congressional district, on being named a finalist for the Varkey Foundation 2018 Global Teacher Prize. Joe is one of 50 finalists chosen from throughout the world. This prestigious award recognizes the fundamental role that

teachers play in shaping their students' lives.

Over the course of his 33-year teaching career, Joe has distinguished himself as an exemplary educator and has implemented a number of innovative tools and creative teaching techniques in his classroom. Joe has received numerous awards in his lifetime and was inducted into the National Teachers Hall of Fame in 2007.

As a former Florida certified teacher, it has been a privilege to see so many of my constituents educated under Joe's tutelage.

Once again, congratulations to Dr. Underwood for representing Miami-Dade County Public Schools on the world's stage. You deserve this award, Joe.

THANKS TO DRAKE FOR INSPIRING STUDENTS OF MIAMI SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, speaking of Miami Senior High, students were extremely excited to receive a surprise visit yesterday from hip-hop star Drake.

He was recording his latest music video at the historic school in Little Havana and, afterward, made an unexpected \$25,000 donation to Miami High. Drake also promised that every student would receive new uniforms that he designed himself.

Our wonderful superintendent of Miami-Dade Public Schools, Alberto Carvalho, thanked Drake for all that he had done to support public education and for bringing his words of encouragement to south Florida students.

But Drake did not stop there. He made another surprise visit to my alma mater, the University of Miami, where he awarded a \$50,000 scholarship to Destiny James, a biology student.

Drake finished the day off by giving an impromptu performance on UM's campus. What a treat for the students.

I would like to thank Drake for his generosity and for inspiring so many

students throughout my congressional district. I can safely say that they will not forget yesterday any time soon.

So go Stingarees of Miami High, and go the students of University of Miami. Go Canes.

Thank you, Drake.

### BATTLE FOR SERVICE MEMBERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. MURPHY) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MURPHY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a bipartisan bill that seeks to ensure that servicemembers who are leaving the military receive the specific training they need to make a successful transition to civilian life. The BATTLE for Servicemembers Act will better prepare servicemembers to attend college, to learn a technical trade, or to start a small business.

The men and women in our all-voluntary military serve and sacrifice for this Nation. When they decide to leave the Armed Forces, it is our Nation's moral obligation to take all of the steps necessary to help them thrive in the next stage of their lives.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the three original cosponsors of this legislation. The first is Congressman JACK BERGMAN, a retired three-star Marine Corps general who recently visited in my central Florida district as part of a program organized by the Bipartisan Policy Center. Congressman BERGMAN joined me on a visit to the local VA hospital and to a meeting of my veterans advisory board.

The other original cosponsors are Congressman CARLOS CURBELO and Congresswoman KYRSTEN SINEMA, who

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